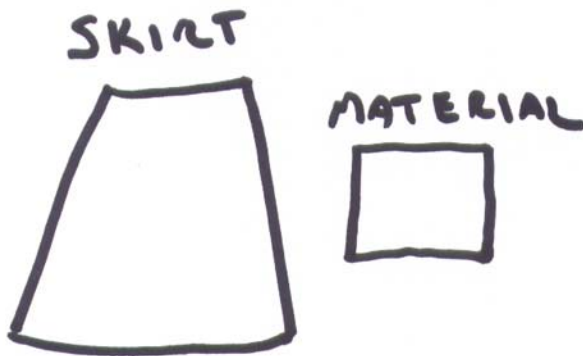


Basic Appliqué

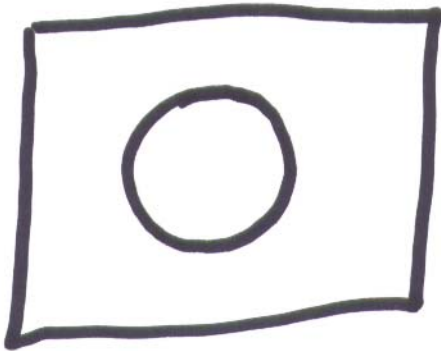
Appliqués are fun to use on lots of items – skirts, dresses, shirts, jackets, even pillowcases or curtains! These instructions are for a basic one-layer appliqué. As you practice and use appliqués in more projects, work on more complex shapes and layering!

You will need one article of clothing and one piece of material of your choice, pins, chalk and a sewing machine.

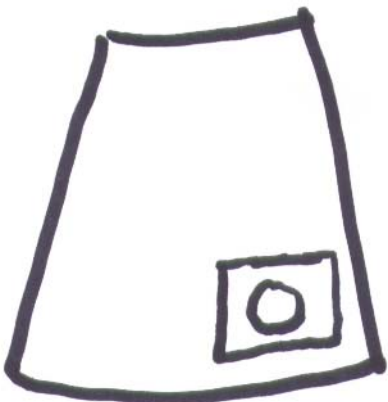


Step 1. Pick out your piece of clothing that you would like to put an appliqué on, and a piece of material! For this tutorial, we will use a skirt and appliqué a small circle near the hemline.

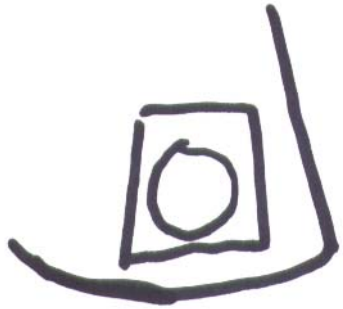
Simple shapes like circles, squares and triangles are best for beginners. Advanced sewers could try for the outline of various objects or animals!



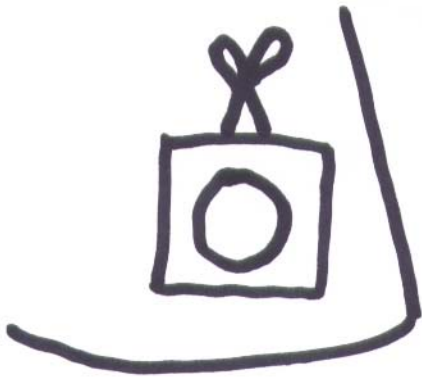
Step 2. Using a piece of chalk, a marker or a dressmaker's pen, draw out the shape you'd like to use on your piece of material.



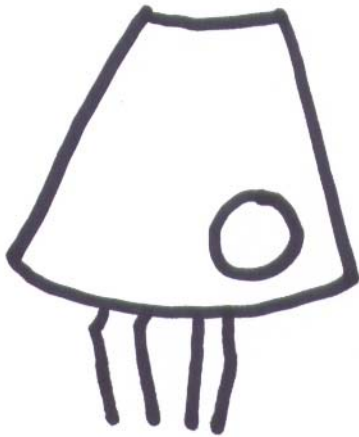
Step 3. Pin the piece of material on your skirt along the materials edges, positioning your design where you'd like it to be sewn and baste stitch along the edge of your outline.



Step 4. Using a wide, closely spaced zig-zag stitch, sew along the outline and your basting stitches all the way around your design.



Step 5. Remove your pins and using a small pair of scissors, cut away the fabric on the outside edge of your zig-zag stitch. Keep close to the thread, but make sure not to cut the thread!



Step 6. Strut your stuff in your new fancified skirt!